

Chattahoochee Evening Stars Quilt Guild



Behind the Seams

August 4, 2025

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Fellow quilters,

The dog days of summer – I do believe they are here! Most people would not be thinking about quilts or quilting during this time, but then I don't believe we are most people!! As a matter of fact, I just got back from a trip to Disney World which always requires a stop at the Christmas Shoppe in the Magic Kingdom because I love looking at a quilt they have on display by one of the registers. I just love seeing if it's still there or if they've replaced it with something newer. For some reason, it brings me comfort to see it still hanging there year after year, even if it is 98 degrees outside!

Aren't we lucky, that even though we are not like most people, we have found each other and this wonderful little guild?!?! The volunteers that work to find us speakers and projects to satisfy our hunger to learn more about this hobby and ways to make it easier? This month, volunteer extraordinaire - Susan Tucker, who is doing double duty this year as Programs Chair and Vice President, is bringing Diane Vandiver to talk about "*Strip Quilt Secrets*." I don't know about you, but I am looking forward to this as I have the wonderful Stripology XL Ruler and maybe I might learn a few new ways I can use this wonderful tool besides cutting border strips!

Until Monday, keep cool and maybe think about ways you can help this awesome group. Susan is looking for volunteers for next year – it doesn't take much time, and I will say, it is truly rewarding!

Humbly yours,
Shannon

BIRTHDAYS

Vicki Evaristo, 8/16
Korri Iracondo, 8/11
Andrea O'Brien, 8/11
Diane Brook, 8/16
Laura Kimball, 8/18
Shannon Shipley, 8/27



HOT DATES AND DEADLINES



August 4 meeting:

- * Sign up for August 9 class/workshop.
- * Sign up for Fall Quilt Retreat

August 15:

- * Deadline for "Off the Bed, Onto the Wall" entries.

JULY MEETING MINUTES

July 7, 2025

President Shannon Shipley called the meeting to order. She asked for a motion to approve the July meeting minutes. There was a motion, second and it passed. Shannon thanked Vicki, Kelli, Lindsey, Laura and Diane for helping at the Farmer's Market booth and Holli for the biscotti.

Committee Reports:

Membership:

- ♦ 33 members were present
- ♦ 1 new member joined – welcome Lisa
- ♦ 1 guest
- ♦ Kathy brought attention to the ad in the Newsletter looking for a volunteer to lead the Mix & Mingle program

Community	Paying it Forward service project
Retreats	The next retreat will be 9/4 – 9/7.
Tuesday Bee	It's fun!!

Susan handed out a flyer about the Diane Vandiver Workshop on August 9th. All are welcome to learn about sewing strip sets and tips for impactful quilts. It will be from 10:00-2:00 at Preston Ridge Community Center.

The 2026 Grant is underway. We are applying again with the city of Alpharetta.

The Arts Center Exhibit deadline is August 15th. We must follow copyright rules for permission to exhibit our projects as applicable.

The rest of the evening was spent participating in the Paying it Forward program with lots of great reminders of how to be kind.

Show & Tell was postponed until next month.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00ish.



2025 CES Event Guide

For more information, contact
info@CESquiltguild.com

Second Wednesday Community Service – Preston Ridge Community Center, 3655 Preston Ridge Rd, Room 203, Alpharetta

Tuesday Bee Group -- 6:00-8:00pm at The Mansell House, 1835 Old Milton Pkwy., Alpharetta, unless otherwise noted.

August

Aug 4, Meeting, 6:00-9:30pm
Business Updates

Speaker: Diane Vandiver "Strip Quilt Secrets"

August 9 Workshop: Diane Vandiver "Diamond Duet Table Runner" half day workshop

Aug 13—Community Sewing
Aug 19--Tuesday Bee Group

September

Sept 8, Meeting, 6:00-9:30pm
Business Updates

Member Presentations "4th Annual Talking Quilts"

Sep 4 - 7—Retreat
Sep 10—Community Sewing
Sept 16--Tuesday Bee Group

October

Oct 6, Meeting, 6:00-9:30pm
Business Updates

Speaker Jaimie Davis "Baltimore Album Quilts"
Arts Center Quilt Show 10/1 – 11/15

Oct 8—Community Sewing
Oct 21--Tuesday Bee Group

November

Nov 3, Meeting, 6:00-9:30pm
Business Updates
Guild Challenge Quilts
2026 Officers
Budget

Speaker Jane Hauprich: "How Do I Quilt This?"

Nov 12—Community Sewing
Nov 18--Tuesday Bee Group

December

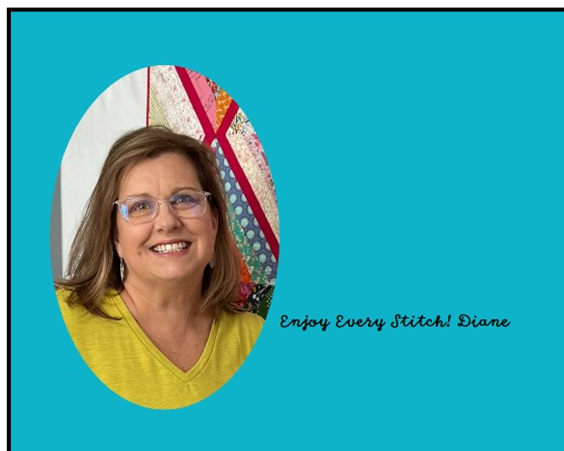
Dec 1, Guild Holiday Party

Dec 10—Community Sewing
No Tuesday Bee Group

Last updated: 5/28/2025

PROGRAMS

August Program DIANE VANDIVER AUGUST 4



Shhhh, what I'm about to tell you is top secret. A national security item. Only those people who have the upper most level of security clearance will be entitled to participate in our August program on Monday, 8/4. Because, our speaker, Diane VanDiver, a member of the witness protection program, and will be escorted by her security staff to present "Strip Quilt Secrets" at our August program.

You will be sworn to secrecy and the tape will automatically self-destruct in 10 seconds.

Learn specific strategies for making quilts you love from the fabric you already have! She will share the secrets and steps she uses for making scrap quilts that really sparkle. Learn how to avoid the "jumbled mess" look and create quilts you can live with and love!

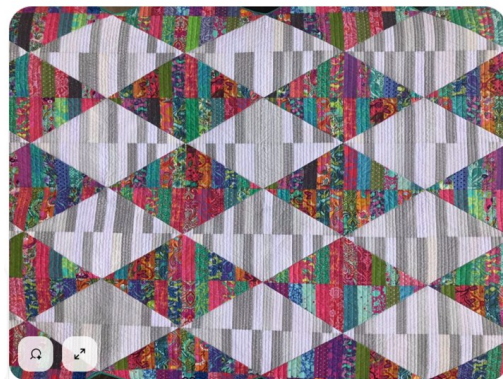
WORKSHOP AUGUST 9

10:00 am to 2:00 pm ET

Diamond Duet Table Runner

\$40

Grab a jelly roll and some fabrics from your stash for this fast and fun technique! Learn the secrets to sewing strip sets, accurate cutting and piecing steps that will result in this quilt that has a BIG impact. The workshop will cover a table runner version. Also discover how easy binding angles are to perfect! A 60 degree ruler is needed and pattern purchase is required.

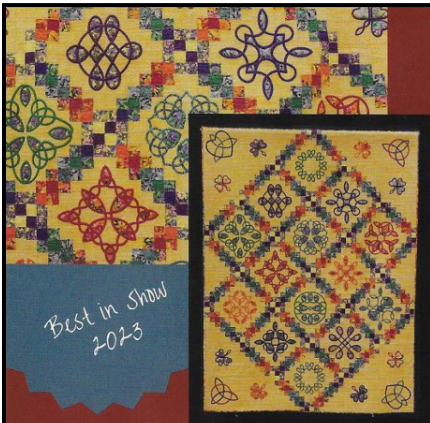


SIGN UP

Notify Susan Tucker (stsga2002@yahoo.com OR 678.725.5971) OR sign-up sheets at the June, July, and August meetings. Venmo \$40 to @CESGuildTreasurer

Preston Ridge Community Center
3655 Preston Ridge Road
Alpharetta, GA 30005

QUILT HAPPENINGS



Pieceful Hearts Quilters present
"Quilting on the River"

A Quilt Show:
November 7 and 8, 2025
Friday 9:00AM - 5:00PM
Saturday 9:00AM - 4:00PM
Riverview Park Activities Center
100 Riverview Park Dr.
North Augusta, SC 29841
Admission \$7
Children Under 12 free with an adult

www.piecefulheartsquilters.com



ATLANTA QUILT FESTIVAL

17th Annual ATLANTA QUILT FESTIVAL

Aug 1- Sept 6, 2025

Southwest Arts Center
915 New Hope Road
South Fulton, GA 30331



2025 Asheville Quilt Show

August 14 & 15 9-5 | August 16 9-4

- *Over 300 quilts on display
- *\$12,000 in prize money
- *25+ Vendors
- *Gift Shop
- *Silent Auction
- *Quilts for Sale
- *2025 Opportunity Quilt Raffle
- *Demonstrations by Expert Quilters
- *Special Exhibits
- *Sewing Station for Kids

Sponsored by



ASHEVILLE QUILT GUILD




WNC Ag Center,
Davis Event Center
765 Boylston Hwy
Fletcher NC 28732

Admission \$10
Students (13-18) \$5
Children 12 and under free
Credit Cards accepted

Handicap Accessible
Free Parking

AshevilleQuiltShow
or find us online at
www.AshevilleQuiltGuild.org/quilt_show

Like us on 

2025 Opportunity Quilt "Starstruck"
Raffle tickets available online at www.ashevillequiltguild.org



SAVE THE DATE

QUILTFEST 2025

SEPT 12TH & 13TH

9AM - 5PM

Union County Sports Center
519 Industrial Blvd, Blairsville, GA

Join us to see the spectacular collection of original quilts by local quilters. Visit the vendors for the latest products, fabrics, and sewing tools!

Learn More Information at:
mistymountainquiltguild.org

Sponsored by Misty Mountain Quilters Guild



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE

We are looking forward to the CES members joining us for our annual Holiday Party. It will take place in lieu of the December meeting.

Mark your calendars:

Date: Dec 1 at 6:00

Location: Ippolito's, 12850 Alpharetta Highway in Windward Commons








What to bring: One wrapped gift, valued around \$15, for a gift exchange

Details with menu and pricing to follow

We hope YOU will join us!

Your Party Crew:
Kathleen Hollingsworth
Holly Lightfoot
Cindy Overton

AWARDS COMMITTEE

	Twin-size or larger quilt (Min. size: 280" perimeter)
	Any hand quilted item
	Wall, miniature, crib, lap quilt
	Garment—quilted
	Charitable quilt project
	Group quilt
	Miscellaneous quilted bag or other quilted item

The Awards Committee gives out those coveted beads adorning our members' name tags.

Earn beads by showing off your work!

Please share the projects you're working on with the guild. We all love Show and Tell! To get a bead for showing your completed work, make sure to let us know! We can't wait to see what you've been up to!

Lene Neesbye-Hansen and Julie Stephens



QUILTING BEE



I have an August birthday, and I've always thought that the month of August got short shrift — no holidays, blah birthstone (peridot) and flower (gladiolus), and nothing to break up the last long hot days of summer. More recently it's become a month of transitions: back to school has moved up to August. More people move in August than in any other month, and more babies are born in August as well.

BUT did you know that August 5 is National Underwear Day? A good time to clean out your underwear drawer and buy some new underwear if you need to. Did you know that you can buy underwear on Amazon and it will be delivered THE NEXT DAY? And you don't have to hunt through all the racks for your size! Gamechanger!

August 2 is National Coloring Book Day — do you use coloring sheets when planning quilts? You can also celebrate ice cream sandwiches on August 2, watermelon on August 3, chocolate chip cookies on the 4th, frozen custard on the 8th, s'mores on the 10th — but you have to wait until the 30th to celebrate toasted marshmallows. And don't forget National College Colors Day on the Friday before Labor Day.

The Tuesday Bee will meet on August 19 at 6 pm at the Mansell House, 1835 Old Milton Parkway, Alpharetta. If you are participating on the PhD Challenge, the project for August is #9 on your list. If you're not participating in the Challenge, come one anyway.

If miss the meeting, the project for September is #4 on your list. Then just one more month to go!

Laura Kimball
lkimball50@gmail.com
Cell #470-330-9496

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Join us on **Wednesday, August 13** at the Preston Ridge location for a day of sewing. Sew on any Community Service project or any project you wish. The room is large with good light and many tables. If you plan to stay all day, bring a lunch, etc.

Barbara Means

CES FALL RETREAT

Come and join your fellow quilters at the Fall Retreat

!!!DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS THE AUGUST MEETING!!!

The Scoop

Sign up at the August meeting or email Vicki

Sept 4 – 7

Thursday afternoon through Sunday noon

Georgia FFA-FCCLA Center

720 FFA FHA Camp Road

Covington, GA 30014

Shared room \$280 each

Single room \$360

Includes dinner Thursday through Sunday breakfast

Accommodations

We have reservations for the Pulliam cottage. It has 14 hotel rooms, each with individual air conditioning and telephones. All rooms have separate restrooms and linens provided. One room is handicap accessible. The cabin also has a small conference room with a refrigerator, sink, and a conference table for 8 to 10 people. If you stayed at the log cabin rooms before, this a great upgrade!



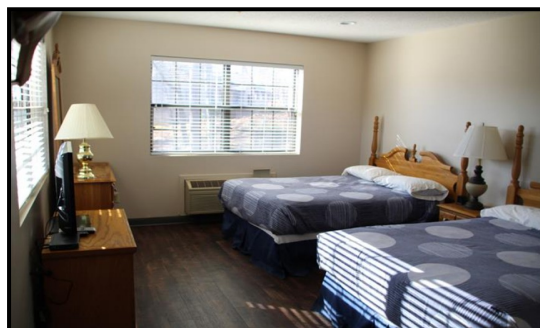
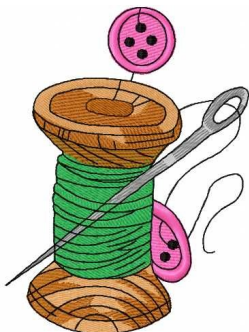
Susan imports her own Pepsi Zero directly from Forsyth County!



Precision Piecing in Covington



Vicki demonstrates laughing and quilting at the same time!



Pulliam Cottage



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Updated 1/27/25



Chattahoochee Evening Stars Quilt Exhibit
“Off the Bed and Onto the Wall”
October 1 – November 15, 2025
Alpharetta Arts Center

Entry Guidelines:

Deadline for entries is August 15, 2025.

Quilts / items previously shown at the Alpharetta Arts Center, or the City Hall Community Gallery will not be accepted. This restriction is a policy of the Alpharetta Arts Center.

There is no limit on the number of entries, but every entry might not be chosen for the exhibit.

Maximum quilt width is 54 inches.

Category:

Garment (i.e. jackets, vests, coats)

Wall hanging (maximum width 54 inches)

Table covering (i.e. table runners)

CES Challenge (any year except 2020)

Other: Bags, bowls, 3D objects, framed pieces, postcards, etc.

Entrants must include hanging sleeve and rod for each quilt. The hanging rod must include your name, quilt name and phone number.

Entrant must be a current member in good standing of CES.

Insurance Value: Each item must have an insurance value in the unlikely event of a loss. A Certificate of Appraisal is required if the item is valued at \$1,000 or more.

There must be a label on the back of the quilt containing the name of quilt, entrant's name, phone number, and email address. If the entry is not a quilt, an owner's label must be on the item in some fashion.

Quilts / items must arrive in pillowcases containing the name of quilt / item, entrant's name, phone number, and email address.

Hanging rod must be labeled with entrant's name.

Drop-off will be at the Alpharetta Arts Center TBD.

Pick-up will be at the Alpharetta Arts Center TBD.

Items may be for sale, but CES will not coordinate the sale of quilts / items. The Alpharetta Arts Center coordinates the sale and earns 30% of the sales price.

The exhibit will not be judged; but a viewer's choice award will be given.

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2025 Entry Form

Entry ID #: _____

Entrant Name	
Email	
Phone	
Are you a current member?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Entry Name / Title **	
Is this Quilt / Item for sale? See note below*	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, how much \$____.
Pattern	
What year was the item made?	
Insurance Value***	
Quilt Width in inches	(max 54")
Quilt Length in inches	
Category	Wall Hanging <input type="checkbox"/> CES Challenge <input type="checkbox"/> Year _____ Garment <input type="checkbox"/> Table Covering <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Identify Other:
Is a hanging sleeve attached to the quilt?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Made by / Pieced by	
Quilted by	
Artist Statement -- Please enter information for the viewer (limited to 100 words). This will be displayed with your quilt / entry.	

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Please send to Barbara Means, (barbarameans@comcast.net), the following no later than August 15, 2025:

Completed form.

CLASSIFIEDS

As a membership benefit, members may advertise here at no charge and are welcome to use a space up to 3" X 5". Non-members may advertise their craft-related business for a fee of \$75/year.

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Quilt By Rita Dove

A quilt is a story you can hold,
Each stitch a chapter to unfold.
The fabrics whisper tales untold,
A legacy in colors bold.

Husbands

**By Ray Hartsell
(husband of a quilter)**

A quilter's husband died on Friday.
Her heart was torn and wilting
To have the funeral on Monday,
She'd have to miss her quilting.
She asked her sister to fill in,
An act so torn and wilting.
"To him it makes no difference —
So why miss out on quilting?"

A Quilter's Blessing:

May your rotary cutter always be sharp,
May your seams be straight and true.
May your points be perfect,
Your blocks square and even,
And may you always see well
Enough to thread your needles!